up of hand pumps the Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Government by allocating funds for drinking water supply under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme. In this programme also, there is no earmarking of funds specifically for hand pumps.

(c) and (d) There is no provision under the Guidelines for any audit to be conducted by the District Magistrates. However, the various schemes of the Ministry of Rural Development are got audited by the State Government through Chartered Accountant, CAG or other specified agency.

(e) and (f) There is no such proposal under consideration at present.

Notice to prominent citizens in Assam to quit the country

*45. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the issuance of notice to quite the country to certain welt-known Indian citizens by the Assam bureaucracy as they were identified as foreigners;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to verify their bonafides and correct the situation; and

(c) the action being taken by Government to instil confidence in minority communities in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) The Government of Assam has informed that no notice to quit the country has been issued to any Indian citizen by the State officials.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of answer to (a) above.

Autonomy to J & K

*46. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had received reports of Jammu & Kashmir for autonomy which were presented to the Legislative Assembly;

(b) whether the Central Government had discussed the issue with the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir;

(c) whether Government had any objection to the presentation of the reports;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO); (a)and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) There is no restriction on the State Government or on the Legislative Assembly of J&K to consider and discuss the issue.

Central rehabilitation programme for surrendered Rebels of NE

*47. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the Central Rehabilitation Programme for the surrendered rebels of the North-Eastern States launched in April, 1998;

(b) the amount spent by the Central Government on the Rehabilitation Programme so far and the number of rebels trained; and

(c) the number of those provided with jobs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) As per latest information available, 2100 militants have surrendered under this scheme.

(b) The Central -Government has so far spent Rs. 1.50 crores under this scheme. 437 surrendered militants have been trained/undergoing training under this scheme.

(c) Eligible surrendered militants are encouraged to apply for jobs in the State Police/Central Para Military Forces.

Release of persons detained under TADA in Punjab

*48. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: